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11. (C) SUMMARY. Close-held data from an anonymous source provides valuable insights into the GoG's expenditures over the first quarter of 2009. Military/CNDD spending comprised 42% of the approximately \$118 million in expenditures. Many government ministries were severely underfunded and some not funded at all. However, a handful of ministries were funded well over the \$1 million mark, raising questions about what the money was used for. The data indicates the CNDD's priorities and suggests that the GoG could probably have funded elections at a more significant level if it had chosen to do so. END SUMMARY.

12. (C) An unidentified contact passed a quarterly financial statement from the Ministry of Finance to an Embassy LES. LES asked that the information be kept close-hold and that she not be asked to divulge her source. The statement is a three page document that details the GoG's expenditures between December 23 (the date of the coup) and March 31. Embassy cannot vouch for the accuracy of this document although it does appear authentic. It includes all ministries, the CNDD, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Office of the President. Total expenditures for the quarter for each government entity are detailed at the end of this telegram.

13. (C) The document appears to cover the GoG's total expenditures for the first quarter of 2009, which total approximately \$118 million. The military, the CNDD, and the Office of the President together received about 31% of these funds (not including salaries). When military salaries are added in, the figure jumps to 42%. In contrast, the Prime Minister's office received just \$16,000. Several ministries were not funded at all while others received less than \$10,000 for the quarter. Civil service salaries totaled \$30.73 million and were regularly disbursed each month, but contacts report that salary payments were often delayed.

14. (C) Outside of the military junta funding, a number of ministries received funding over the \$1 million mark, including Foreign Affairs, Public Works, Urbanism and Habitat, Youth, Higher Education, and Hydrology and Energy. Interestingly, the Ministry of Youth received most of its \$1.12 million in the month of March, which also happens to coincide with the large pro-Dadis youth rally (reftel). Similarly, the unusual \$3.77 million to the Ministry of Higher Education is likely related to a highly publicized tour by Dadis of universities in Conakry, during which he promised a major influx of cash to higher education institutions.

15. (C) Some significant disbursements raise questions as to what the funds were to be used for. For example, the Ministry of Urbanism and Habitat received \$5.41 million while

the Ministry of Hydrology and Energy received \$2.7 million. The Ministry of Public Works also received close to \$1 million. The bulk of these funds were released in February and March. The CNDD has made little if any mention of infrastructure development plans, although there is a major construction project underway at Camp Boiro. These disbursements appear all the more suspicious given the abysmal funding to most other government ministries.

¶6. (C) The Ministry of Territorial Administration and Political Affairs, which is responsible for organizing elections, received \$124,000 for the quarter - a relatively high amount compared to most ministries, but disappointingly low compared to others, especially given the push for elections.

¶7. (C) At the bottom of the document, it is noted that the following sectors/departments are considered GoG priorities: Justice, Agriculture, Fishing, Urbanism and Habitat, Pre-University Education, Technical Education, Higher Education, and Hydrology and Energy. However, funding levels were all over the map for these identified priorities.

COMMENT

¶8. (C) If accurate, this data is invaluable as it has been very difficult to get GoG officials to talk about concrete figures. The military and the CNDD received more than 40% the GoG's funds during the first quarter of the year. Spending outside of the military sector indicates where the

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CNDD's current priorities might lie. If the figures are correct, it seems that elections fall toward the bottom of the list. The figures suggest that if the GoG wanted to fund elections, it could have done so - or it could have at least allocated a more significant amount towards that objective during the first quarter of 2009. END COMMENT

TABLE - GOG EXPENDITURES FOR FIRST QUARTER 2009

CNDD - \$3.77 million
Presidency - \$1.21 million
Prime Minister - \$16,000
Ministry of Defense - \$31.51 million
MATAP (Territorial Admin. and Political Affairs) - \$124,000
Ministry of Security - \$227,000
Ministry of Justice - \$148,000
Ministry of Foreign Affairs - \$1.96 million
Ministry of Economy and Finance - \$281,000
Ministry of Labor - \$6,400
Ministry of Agriculture - \$5,300
Ministry of Fishing - \$12,900
Ministry of Public Works - \$976,000
Ministry of Urbanism and Habitat - \$5.41 million
Ministry of Pre-University Education - \$42,000
Ministry of Health - \$272,000
Ministry of Communication - \$166,000
Ministry of Technical Education - \$133,000
Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture - \$1.12 million
National Communication Council (CNC) - \$102,000
Grand Chancery of Merit Orders (Awards) - \$47,000
Ministry of Higher Education - \$3.77 million
Ministry of Hydrology and Energy - \$2.7 million
Ministry of State Control (Economic) - \$320,000
Ministry of Culture - \$1,600
Military Remunerations (salaries) - \$13.43 million
Civil Service Remunerations (salaries) - \$30.73 million
Debt Service - \$4.45 million
SEG (water company) - \$1.45 million
EDG (electric company) - \$1.63 million
Mining Fund - \$565,000

Social Security - \$233,000

Interest payments on government bonds - \$9.76 million

Payments to veterans - \$987,000

The following ministries/departments received no funds at all: Mines, Commerce, Tourism, Social Affairs, Supreme Court, Secretary General of the Government, Secretary General of the Islamic League, Transport, and Administration and Control of Large Projects.

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